

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

December 9, 2002

An act to add Section 5019.90 to the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 65, as introduced, Dymally. State park: Watts Towers.

Existing law enumerates and defines several categories of units within the state park system, including state parks and historical units. Existing law requires the State Park and Recreation Commission to classify each unit within the state park system into one of the categories. Prior to any reclassification of a unit, existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to prepare an inventory of the unit's scenic, natural, and cultural features to be submitted to the commission for consideration. Existing law also requires the commission to schedule a public hearing to consider reclassification of a unit.

This bill would, notwithstanding those requirements, reclassify Watts Towers of Simon Rodia from a historical unit to a state park. The bill would specify that the park be managed by the City of Los Angeles.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5019.90 is added to the Public
2 Resources Code, to read:

1 5019.90. Notwithstanding Sections 5002.1, 5002.3, 5019.53,
2 and 5019.59, Watts Towers of Simon Rodia, a historical unit of the
3 California state park system located in Los Angeles, is hereby
4 reclassified as a state park, to be managed by the City of Los
5 Angeles.

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